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## **Montana State Library District Task Force to Meet in Helena**

**(HELENA)** --- The Montana State Library's Library District Task Force will meet in Helena on Thursday, November 7, 2013 from 10 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. at the Montana State Library's Bitterroot Conference Room. The State Library is located at 1515 E. Sixth Avenue in Helena. The meeting will also be available via webinar. For an agenda and related meeting materials, visit:  
[http://about.montanastatelibrary.org/commission\\_councils/ldtf/](http://about.montanastatelibrary.org/commission_councils/ldtf/).

The Library District Task Force seeks to evaluate potential improvements to the Montana code governing the creation and administration of public library districts. Recommendations from the task force may produce information legislation that would be presented to the 2015 Legislature.

The 2001 Legislature passed legislation that allowed for the creation of Public Library Districts codified as [Montana Code Annotated 22-1-7](#). Public library districts are established through the electoral process and include dedicated mill levies to provide funding to support the operation of the districts. Because library districts have the ability to generate dedicated funding that can be more secure, they can therefore offer more services to their patrons.

Appointees to the Library District Task Force include: Harold Blattie, Montana Association of Counties Executive Director; John Conlan, former trustee with the North Valley Public Library District; Kim Crowley, Flathead County Library System Director; Susan Gregory, Bozeman Public Library Director; Jane Hamman, North Jefferson County Public Library; Judy Hart, Montana Library Association Government Affairs; Representative Ed Lieser, House District 4; Marilyn Trosper, North Lake County Library District Director; and Mary Vail, Whitefish Community Library trustee. State Library staff include: Jennie Stapp, State Librarian and Sarah McHugh, Statewide Library Resources Director.

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